

## ***What has the Militia Ever Done For Me?***

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Once again I must rise in defense of the fledgling militia. I am not making excuses for what it has not done, because those who expect great things forget the tremendous cost involved... (My dear mother used to caution me to "be careful what you pray for, you may get it".) Quite frankly, I have tried to restrain the militia so that it wouldn't do something that history will never forgive...

-- Number 1 - We are not ready to fight a campaign... we are still unsure of our own motives for doing anything... With the death of many popular conspiracy theories (black helicopters, Gurkas massing along the borders, Soviet equipment on rail cars, cryptic stickers on road signs, Russian troops in salt mines, underground cities of 10s of thousands of soldiers, etc.) we find that involvement in a militia is rather pointless. Some still stay active in the militia because they are visionary people who see the need for eternal vigilance. Others however have left because there are not enough things frightening enough to stay.

-- Number 2 - We all have our own particular idea of how to fix things. Some feel we ought to go on the offensive to destroy the threat before it attacks. Others still feel that politics and rhetoric are the way to go. Still others contend that defensive preparedness is best. There is not a concerted voice on what we should do at this time...

-- Number 3 - Instead of criticizing the militia for what it doesn't do, consider what the militia has done already.

With the emergence of the Constitutional militia in the Spring of 1994, the corrupt power brokers in Washington began to measure carefully their steps. Sure they thought we were middle-aged, overweight, wannabe's running through the woods, but ya know, those are the most dangerous kind of people... They don't fight like ordinary soldiers... They are unconventional, and we showed the world that there were enough of us to "take care of business" should the need come.

I firmly believe that had it not been for the visible and public show of strength, the guns, uniforms, etc., there might have been more Wacos... Anyone who knows me will tell you that I will openly and defiantly shake a gun in the face of any tyrant. Because of the gutsy and determined stand that the militia took during 1994, the feds had to rethink their options. We made them blink!

Remember that cold war is preferable to hot war if we can have it. The militia won a great victory in this regard. With the emergence of nearly a thousand militia organizations, and an effective, albeit simple, communication system, the militia put a credible force upon the plain. We stopped the feds dead in their tracks... The militia can take credit for that and only eternity will reveal how many terrible abuses of power we actually prevented by our public and open show of strength.

But allow me to view this thing objectively for a minute. The Waco incident was the last engagement of the government's war against the people before cold war. Since then we have had incidents, but they were situations that involved "Barnie Fife" law enforcement who did stupid things... The last confrontation of any significance was the Freeman Standoff in Montana last year. I am certain that the feds ruled out another Waco frenzy because of the militia. Without the militia's open and public stand and the avowed retaliation should the Freeman people be butchered, I dare say that the Freeman would be dead today.

Now, people can argue this way or that over what the militia is accomplishing now or will accomplish in the future. Let them argue. But from where I stand, looking back at what the Militia HAS accomplished will be written about in history books as one of the great acts of righteous defiance by the people of this land against the abuses of power of tyranny. When the tyrants attack, we will be there. History will hail the defender as the champion ... so it must be.

Make no mistake about the resolve of the militia: it is still alive and well. But it will take a Lexington, or another Waco to bring us out for we are enduring, patient, and resilient. We, like our Forefathers before us will suffer many wrongs and we will find that many of them are sufferable.. But while we endure, we prepare for what must come. We will wait, ... and when we rise, the earth will quake beneath our tread...